

ACHS SUMMARY FORM

M:23-79
(date entered 5-12-80)

1. Name: Roslyn
2. Planning Area/Site Number: 23/79 3. M-NCPPC Atlas Reference: Map 10
A-13
4. Address: New Hampshire Avenue, Brighton
5. Classification Summary
- | | | | |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| Category | <u>building</u> | Previous Survey Recording | <u>M-NCPPC</u> |
| Ownership | <u>private</u> | Title and Date: | <u>1976 Inventory of</u> |
| Public Acquisition | <u>N/A</u> | | <u>Historical Sites</u> |
| Status | <u>occupied</u> | | |
| Accessible | <u>no</u> | Federal | <u>State</u> <u>x</u> <u>County</u> <u>x</u> <u>Local</u> |
| Present use | <u>private residence; agriculture</u> | | |
6. Date: c. 1844 7. Original Owner: Henry Stabler
8. Apparent Condition
- a. fair b. altered c. original site
9. Description: This frame 2 story house is 5 bays by 1 bay with a central entrance & a 4 light transom. There is a 1 story porch across the 3 center bays. The gable roof slopes very gently. The north end has an exterior brick chimney. All of the windows are 6/6 type. An ell to the east has a shed porch extending north. To the south is a 1½ story wing of 2 bays; it has a dormer window on the east side. Interior plan consists of a room on either side of the central hall & a staircase on the right side of the hall. The bankbarn is a 1 story structure set on a stone foundation with round stone posts supporting the north side. Two openings in the east end have stone lintels. The foundation stones are roughly lain up but the corners have large quoining blocks. A shed addition has been added on the south side; it rests on square posts. The rafters are bird-mouthed over the plate. Framing members are hand-hewn and pegged. The plan consists of a central bay with storage bins on either side. There is no loft.
10. Significance: This frame farmhouse, located on a rise overlooking the Hawlings River Valley near Brighton, Md., is noteworthy as the home of Henry Stabler, a horticulturist of prominence in the 19th century.
- Stabler purchased 60 acres known as "Pleasant Fields", later "Roslyn", from his mother-in-law, Elizabeth Ellicott Lea, in 1843 for \$1,000. In 1844 he moved to Montgomery County from Alexandria, Va., where he came from a family of well-known druggists. Presumably his house was constructed at the time of his move. Stabler established a reputation as a superb farmer with his hybridization of a new sweet corn.
- Stabler's son, Augustus, purchased the land in 1889. He too was known as a horticulturist and nurseryman.
- After the death of Augustus and a century of Stabler ownership, the family sold the farm in 1944. The current owners are following the Stabler tradition in their pursuit of agriculture at Roslyn.
11. Researcher and date researched: Roberta Hahn-7/79 Michael Dwyer
Arch. Description
12. Compiler: Margaret Coleman 13. Date Compiled: 10/79 14. Designation
Approval
15. Acreage: 33 acres

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Roslyn

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

New Hampshire Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Brighton

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Carolyn K. and Vernon Hussman

Telephone #: 774-4410

STREET & NUMBER

New Hampshire Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Brinklow

☒ VICINITY OF Brighton

STATE, zip code

Maryland 20727

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: 2873

Folio #: 677

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

MNCPPC Inventory of Historical Sites

HABS 1968

DATE

1976

☒ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☒ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR

SURVEY RECORDS Park Historian's Office

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland 20855

7 DESCRIPTION

M:23-79

CONDITION☐ EXCELLENT☐ GOOD☒ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☐ UNALTERED☒ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED DATE _____**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

This frame two-story house is five bays by one bay with a central entrance and a four light transom. There is a one-story porch across the three center bays. The gable roof slopes very gently. The north end has an exterior brick chimney (rebuilt). All of the windows are six-over-six sash-type. An ell to the east has a shed porch extending north. To the south is a 1 1/2 story wing of two bays; it has a dormer window on the east side. It was used as a laboratory by Henry Stabler.

Interior plan consists of a room on either side of the central hall and a staircase on the right side of the hall.

The bankbarn is a one story structure set on a stone foundation with round stone posts supporting the north side. Two openings in the east end have stone lintels. The foundation stones are roughly laid up but the corners have large quoining blocks. A shed addition has been added on the south side; it rests on square posts. The rafters are bird-mouthed over the plate. Framing members are hand-hewn and pegged. The plan consists of a central bay with storage bins on either side. There is no loft.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) Local History	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1844

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This frame farmhouse, located on a rise overlooking the Hawlings River Valley near Brighton, Maryland, is noteworthy as the home of Henry Stabler, a horticulturist of prominence in the nineteenth century.

Stabler purchased 60 acres known as "Pleasant Fields", later "Roslyn", from his mother-in-law, Elizabeth Ellicott Lea, in 1843 for \$1,000.¹ In 1844 he moved to Montgomery County from Alexandria, Virginia, where he came from a family of well-known druggists. Presumably his house was constructed at the time of his move.

He continued to acquire land, and by the 1866 Tax Assessment he was assessed for 202 acres of "Rosslin Farm" and 90 acres of "Woodside", as well as \$1280 for livestock and \$300 for household furnishings.² By the 1870s, Stabler was known as a 'packer and grower of superior sweet corn and fruits'.³ He had a thriving business and had built a canning factory.⁴ He had developed a strain of corn so prolific it was named Stabler corn, and was widely sold. Stabler served as postmaster in the area for some years.

Henry Stabler sold Roslyn and 96 1/2 acres to his son, Augustus, in 1889 for \$5500.⁵ Augustus, who was practicing medicine in Massachusetts at the time, moved to Roslyn soon thereafter and lived there for many years. He too was known as a horticulturist and nurseryman. After the death of Augustus and a century of ownership by the Stabler family, the farm was sold to W.A. and K.E. Carr in 1944.⁶ The Carrs modernized the house. In 1952 William M. and Agnus Kricker purchased the house and 99 acres.⁷ Their daughter and son-in-law, Carolyn K. and Vernon Hussman, presently own the property and are actively farming the land and raising livestock, trees, and fruit very much in the tradition of the Stablers.

FOOTNOTES:

- 1 Land Records of Montgomery County, Md., BS 12/63.
- 2 Montgomery County Tax Assessment Records, 1866.
- 3 1878 Hopkins Atlas.
- 4 Roger B. Farquhar, Old Homes and History of Montgomery County, Md. (1962) p. 278.
- 5 Land Records of Montgomery County, Md., JA 15/230.
- 6 Ibid., 971/136.
- 7 Ibid., 1739/287.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land Records of Montgomery County, Maryland.
 Montgomery County Tax Assessment Records.
 U.S. Census Records.
 1878 Hopkins Atlas.
 Farquhar, Roger B., Old Homes and History of Montgomery County, Md.
 CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY Silver Spring, Md. 1962.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 33 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES**

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Roberta Hahn

Michael Dwyer
Arch. Description

ORGANIZATION

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

DATE

July 1979

STREET & NUMBER

Box 87

TELEPHONE

926-4510

CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

STATE

Maryland 20753

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
 (301) 267-1438

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME					
COMMON:					
AND/OR HISTORIC: Roslyn or Henry Stabler House					
2. LOCATION					
STREET AND NUMBER: New Hampshire Avenue					
CITY OR TOWN: Brighton					
STATE: Maryland			COUNTY: Montgomery		
3. CLASSIFICATION					
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District	<input type="checkbox"/> Building	<input type="checkbox"/> Public	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied	Yes:
<input type="checkbox"/> Site	<input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Private		<input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> Restricted
<input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress		<input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments	
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious			
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific			
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY					
OWNER'S NAME: V. E. Hussman					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN: Sandy Spring			STATE: Maryland		
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION					
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Montgomery County Courthouse					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN: Rockville			STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):					
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS					
TITLE OF SURVEY: Historic Sites in the Bi-County Region					
DATE OF SURVEY: 1969 <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local					
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: The Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission					
STREET AND NUMBER: 8787 Georgia Avenue					
CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring			STATE: Maryland		

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Pre-Columbian☐ 16th Century☐ 18th Century☐ 20th Century☐ 15th Century☐ 17th Century☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Aboriginal☐ Education☐ Political☐ Urban Planning☐ Prehistoric☐ Engineering☐ Religion/Phi-☐ Other (Specify)☐ Historic☐ Industry☐ losaphy☐ Agriculture☐ Invention☐ Science☐ Architecture☐ Landscape☐ Sculpture☐ Art☐ Architecture☐ Social/Human-☐ Commerce☐ Literature☐ itarian☐ Communications☐ Military☐ Theater☐ Conservation☐ Music☐ Transportation

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

According to Farguhar, Henry Stabler purchased "Roslyn" in 1843 from Elizabeth Ellicott Lea. Henry Stabler was born in Alexandria in 1818 and married Mary Lea (Elizabeth E. Lea's daughter). He developed a canning business, operated a store, founded the Old Farmer's Club, developed the strain of sweet corn known as Stabler Corn, and was one of the largest landowners in the town of Brighton. Henry Stabler died in 1890 and his son, Augustus, acquired "Roslyn."

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE Degrees Minutes Seconds	LONGITUDE Degrees Minutes Seconds		LATITUDE Degrees Minutes Seconds	LONGITUDE Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION

M-NCPPC

DATE

5/10/73

STREET AND NUMBER:

8787 Georgia Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:

Silver Spring

STATE

Maryland

12.

State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

hands of Anna, who is Mrs. Christopher J. Tolson.

Of Rose Hill, the portion of William Canby, about twenty acres remain, five with the home of the oldest son, George Rust Canby, who married Elizabeth Dawson of Rockville, and about fifteen including the old house, with the second son, Thomas Yellott, whose wife was Louise Young of Takoma Park. The other two members of the family, Eliza (Mrs. Thomas O. Cannon), and William Mauduit, whose wife is the former Margaret Hart, have lived in Florida for some years.

Rose Hill may be seen looking west from a point two miles north of Colesville on Route 650

—but only if one keeps a sharp lookout, for in summer it is almost entirely screened by trees. It is reached by a long drive-way, which descends into a valley, passes a large pond on the right, and continues up a steep grade. The front of the house, the tall part shown in the photograph, was built in 1885, the rear wing being the "parlor" of an older dwelling turned about and joined to the new part to form a T. The date of this portion is uncertain, but the woodwork, the windows, and an old mantel rescued from a tool shed and installed in the 1885 section, would indicate a time near the year 1800. A still older home once occupied the site, but of that not even a description remains.

Roslyn

ROSLYN, one of the attractive old houses in the Sandy Spring community, was the home of Henry Stabler, a horticulturist, who devoted himself to the improvement of farm-and-garden produce. His associates of the last century and "The Annals of Sandy Spring," fix the date of Henry Stabler's arrival at Roslyn as 1842 to 1844. Between these dates falls a Deed of June 26, 1843, whereby Elizabeth Ellicott Lea of Walnut Hill conveyed to Henry Stabler and Mary Lea Stabler a tract of sixty acres for the sum of \$1,000, an average price of \$16.67 per acre. This was part of a tract conveyed to Elizabeth E. Lea by Ann Dorsey in December, 1833, and located on the "road from Bladensburg to New Market." Roslyn is situated on the east side of that road.

Henry Stabler, born in 1818 in Alexandria, Virginia, was one of a family of druggists well-known in that colonial city. He was a member of the Society of Friends and married Mary Lea, daughter of Elizabeth Ellicott Lea of nearby Walnut Hill, whose mother had married Thomas Lea, Sr.

Stabler had a scientific, analytical type of mind and in improving the products of his farm and garden acquired fame for their excellent quality. He developed a thriving canning business and built a factory. He also operated a store and in one season it is reported he canned 36,000 containers of corn and raised 100 bushels of his improved variety for seed. So prolific



NO. 96 D-10 HENRY STABLER 1843 FRAME

was this strain of sweet corn that it was given the name Stabler Corn and the author has seen it mentioned in recent years in seed catalogs. Henry Stabler wrote articles on garden and farm subjects for publication and was one of sixteen founders of the Old Farmers' Club of Sandy Spring.

The house shown here faces toward the west where the view is most attractive. It is assumed that Henry and his bride planted many of the elm and other trees still standing; at any rate, they are believed to be over a century old. It is easy to believe the authenticity of Rebecca Russell's "visit." A friend or relative, she came to Roslyn expecting to stay a few days, and remained for fifty years, dying there at the age of 102.

The longevity of the citizens of the peaceful

Sandy Spring community has frequently been commented upon. Once the author was driving a city dweller, who had the strong urge to possess a farm, around that neighborhood. Nearly every place we passed seemed to be the home of a nonagenarian. Among the aged citizenry there was Mr. Asa Stabler (aged 91), still driving himself around in his car, Mr. Roger B. Farquhar and Mr. Thomas J. Lea, both celebrating their ninetieth birthdays, and there lived Messrs. Joseph T. Moore and Alban G. Thomas, both over eighty-five years "young." The visitor from Washington was deeply impressed. That evening at his own dinner table he told his wife with real enthusiasm about the old gentlemen approaching the century mark in their lovely old country homes. Finally, when he ran out of adjectives to picture life on a farm, his good wife gave him a stony stare and asked, "Where are their wives?" While this lady temporarily silenced her spouse the records show that centenarians have usually been women more often than men.

Henry Stabler died in June, 1890, two years after the death of his wife in July, 1888. That summer their son, Dr. Augustus Stabler, who had moved to Lawrence, Massachusetts, returned to Sandy Spring to practice medicine. Ownership of Roslyn passed to him from his parents. He too was known as a skilled horticulturist and nurseryman and spoke convincingly on farm topics at farmers' meetings and at the County Farmers' Convention.

Augustus Stabler married Helen Snowden, a daughter of Nicholas and Henrietta Stabler

Snowden of Avondale, Prince George's County. Shortly after the Civil War in which her father was killed, Helen Snowden moved to Ingleside. Her death occurred in Fairfax, Virginia, in September, 1927, where she and Dr. Stabler had lived for a number of years and where he conducted a nursery business.

Roslyn remained in possession of the doctor and his wife for a number of years after their removal to Virginia, when it was rented to a local farmer, Oscar Nichols, and supervised by one of the doctor's sons, Sidney Stabler. After Augustus Stabler's death in March, 1942, and sale of a part of the land in the rear to the Sanitary Commission for inclusion in Brighton Reservoir, the remainder of the farm with the homestead was sold by the heirs to W. Arthur Carr in 1945.

Carr was a Washington builder. His wife was Katherine Eckloff. The Carrs made extensive alterations in the house, improving it throughout with modern plumbing, heating and decorations. Mr. Carr lived only two years after the family had moved into the remodelled home. In 1952 Roslyn was sold by Mrs. Carr to Colonel and Mrs. William Kricker, owners in 1962.

On entering the front hall, the dining room with fireplace is immediately to the right. Right of the dining room in the one-and-a-half-story addition, Henry Stabler's workroom or laboratory was located. There is a quaint small stair to the loft above. On the left of the hall which goes through to a back door was the room used by the Stablers as a parlor.

Sharon

*"I think God loves the tiny homes
By country roadsides gay;
His sunlight seems to shine on them
In such a magic way.*

*His winds blow sweetly over them;
He bathes them fresh in showers,
And hides their kind humility
In miracles of flowers.*

*I think God loves the tiny homes—,
How graciously they hold
Within their window-panes, at dusk,
His gift of sunset gold."*

"BE it ever so humble"—this plain little house was home to four generations of a family with admirable qualities exemplifying to a high degree the maxim: "Plain living and high thinking." Those nurtured here developed unusual intellectual force, marked

¹ By Dorothy W. Boice.

mechanical ability, and spiritual and moral integrity.

Isaac Briggs, who built this house of logs with the aid of his father, Samuel Briggs, in 1794 or 1795, was a man of genius. Born at Haverford, Pennsylvania, in 1763 of a Quaker family, he came to Montgomery County in 1794, and mar-

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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See correspondence dated April 8, 1987

ACTION TAKEN

Final Draft Amendment to the Master Plan
OLNEY AREA HISTORIC RESOURCES

The purpose of this Amendment is to designate the following sites on the Master Plan for Historic Preservation thereby extending to them the protection of the County's Historic Preservation Ordinance, Chapter 24A of the Montgomery County Code.

M; 23/9	Elton
M: 23/29	Fair Hill II
M: 23/31	Pleasant Fields/Sundown Hills
M: 23/58	Gustavus Jones Farm
M: 23/63	Longwood
M: 23/66	Bordley's Choice (Merrywood)
M: 23/71	Far View
M: 23/73	Gittings Ha Ha
M: 23/79	Roslyn Bank Barn
M: 23/84	Brooke Meadow
M: 23/89	Walnut Hill
M: 23/98-4	St. John's Episcopal Church
M: 23/196 106	Oakdale-Emory United Methodist Church
M: 23/112	Sycamores
M: 23/113-1	Mount Pleasant Church
M: 23/119	Holland Store & House

M 23/79

THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

8787 Georgia Avenue • Silver Spring, Maryland 20910-3760

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MEMORANDUM

March 21, 1986

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL
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TO: Richard Ferrara, Director
Department of Housing and Community Development
John L. Menke, Director
Department of Environmental Protection
✓ J. Rodney Little, Director
State Historic Preservation Office
Philip Cantelon, Chairperson
Historic Preservation Commission

FROM: Melissa C. Banach, Coordinator
Community Planning North

SUBJECT: Preliminary Draft Amendment to the Master Plan for
Historic Preservation: Northern and Eastern
Montgomery County Resources

I am pleased to transmit to you this Preliminary Draft
Amendment to the Master Plan for Historic Preservation:
Northern and Eastern Montgomery County Resources.

This document contains the recommendations of the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission on approximately 80 historic sites located in the Olney, Sandy Spring, Aspen Hill, and Burtonsville areas of the County.

The Montgomery County Planning Board will hold a public hearing on this Preliminary Draft Amendment on Monday, April 21, 1986, at 7:30 P.M., in the Auditorium of the Montgomery Regional Office at 8787 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland.

Should you have any questions concerning this specific Preliminary Draft Amendment, please do not hesitate to contact Marty Reinhart at 495-4565.

MCB:MR:dws
Attachment

PRELIMINARY DRAFT

AMENDMENT TO THE APPROVED AND ADOPTED
MASTER PLAN FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION IN
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

NORTHERN AND EASTERN
MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORIC RESOURCES

Including sites located in the Olney, Sandy Spring,
Aspen Hill, Norbeck and Burtonsville Areas

March 1986

An amendment to the 1980 Olney Master Plan, 1980 Sandy Spring/
Ashton Special Study Plan, 1970 Aspen Hill Master Plan, and the
1981 Eastern Montgomery County Master Plan; being also an
amendment to the General Plan for the Physical Development of the
Maryland-Washington Regional District and to the Master Plan of
Highways within Montgomery County, Maryland.

THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

8787 Georgia Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20910-3760

14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772-3090

IMPLEMENTATION

Once designated on the Master Plan for Historic Preservation, any substantial changes to the exterior of a resource or its environmental setting must be reviewed by the Historic Preservation Commission and a historic area work permit issued. The Ordinance also empowers the County's Department of Environmental Protection and the Historic Preservation Commission to prevent the demolition of historic buildings through neglect.

It is the intent of the Master Plan and Ordinance to provide a rational system for evaluating, protecting and enhancing Montgomery County's heritage for the benefit of present and future residents. The accompanying challenge is to weave protection for this heritage into the County's planning program so as to maximize community support for preservation and minimize infringement on private property rights.

THE AMENDMENT

The purpose of this Preliminary Draft Amendment is to consider the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission's recommendations that the following sites be designated on the Master Plan for Historic Preservation and protected under the County's Historic Preservation Ordinance, Chapter 24A of the Montgomery County Code. A copy of the Ordinance is provided in Appendix B of this document.

(NOTE: Unless otherwise specified in the Preservation Commission's nomination, the recommended environmental setting for each site is the entire parcel on which the resource is located as of the date it is designated on the Master Plan as defined in Section 24A-2 of the County's Preservation Ordinance. Where additional buildings of historical or architectural importance are associated with a site, these buildings are noted in the nomination as being part of the recommended setting.)

<u>Atlas #</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Location</u>
15/55	Spencer/Carr House	2420 Spencerville

- Dating from 1855 with a rear section added in the 1870's, this three-story house is distinguished by three over three windows on the third floor and a one-story porch with bracketed pillars on the front facade.
- Significant as an example of the "Spencerville style", a local style characterized by a special grouping of architectural detail most notably half windows on the third story extending into the boxed cornice and roof line.

23/66

Bordley's Choice (Merrywood)

20015 Georgia Avenue

- Began in 1763 and expanded circa 1868, this massive fieldstone structure today is most representative of mid 19th century Second Empire architecture.
- Associated in its early years with the prominent Riggs family of Montgomery County.
- Served for over 50 years as the home for the prestigious Brookeville Academy, a private school for boys started in 1815.
- The recommended environmental setting includes all outbuildings associated with site and the entrance drive to the main house.

23/71

Far View

21450 New Hampshire Avenue

- Example of a late 18th century stone farmhouse of simple styling possessing a clarity of line and high quality of workmanship.
- Included in the recommended environmental setting are the 1836 stone bank barn and slave quarters, which are notable for the quality of their masonry work.

23/79

Roslyn Bank Barn

20401 New Hampshire Avenue

- Fine example of a 19th century bank barn with refinement of details such as the stone columns.
- Built in the 1840's by Henry Stabler, prosperous local farmer and eminent horticulturist who developed the popular Stabler strain of corn.
- The recommended environmental setting consists of the building footprint of the frame bank barn.

23/82

Grafton Holland Farm
(Sunnymeade Farm)

2222 Brighton Dam Road

- Ca. 1830 -- Frame and log farmhouse built in three sections with each section representative of the evolution of rural architecture in the area.
- Associated with the Holland family, influential land-owners and farmers in the Brookeville/Brighton area.
- The recommended environmental setting includes all outbuildings associated with the site.



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